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SETTING UP OF ORDNANCE FACTORY IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to set up a propellant/ordnance factory at Nalanda in Bihar for production of heavy calibre ammunitions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the progress made in that direction so far; and

(d) the time by which the factory is likely to start production?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTION & SUPPLIES (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The factory is being set up to manufacture two lakh propellant Bi-Modular charges per year, required for high calibre ammunitions.

(c) A 'go ahead' sanction for setting up the factory has already been accorded by the Government on 26th February 1999. The final proposal involving an investment of Rs. 950 crores approx. based on Detailed Project Report (DPR) is presently underconsideration of the Government. The process of acquisition of land for the proposed project has been initiated with the Bihar Government.

(d) The factory is likely to start production from 2004-2005.